

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 4 May 2021
Remote Participation Meeting, 7:45pm

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Pamela Meister, Eric Stange, Dianne Schaefer, Michael Gervais and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of protocols for remote meetings and hearings.
3. Review of minutes: Minutes reviewed from April 2021 meeting and approved with edits.
4. Communications Received:
 - a. Communication from Town of Arlington, Topic: Small Cell Wireless Facility Design Rules and Regulations. The proposal is to have Verizon install these poles throughout the town. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Commissioners to review and please report back for our next meeting.
 - b. Owner of 47 Bailey Road plans to expand her kitchen and has emailed plans.
 - c. Owner of 3 Robinhood Road wants to replace steel windows and is working with a steel window expert.
 - d. Request for a House Marker. Discussed the process with the homeowner.
 - e. Request to install a fence at 22 Williams Street, we have no jurisdiction over fence installation.
 - f. Sign off for 8 Gray Street for roof replacement. We have no jurisdiction for roof work.
 - g. Sign off for 12 Fox Meadow Lane, this house is not on the Inventory.
 - h. Plans are in the works for 85 Irving Street and JoAnn Robinson has met with the homeowner, Matt Weiss to discuss. Plans are to hold a hearing next month.

Historical Commission FY 2021 Budget- Nothing to report.

6. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Stop Work Order
 - b. 39 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay- Demolished. Remove from the list of projects.
 - c. 43 Winter Street 9/17-Preferentially Preserved- 1 year-demolition delay- Demolished. Remove from the list of projects.
 - d. 32 Kensington Road 5/18 – Nothing to report.
 - e. 21 Teel Street 12/18 – Nothing to report.
 - f. 29 Churchill Avenue 6/20 Stange- Nothing to report.
 - g. 7 Village Lane 8/20 Robinson/Gervais- Nothing to report.
 - h. 38 Teel Street 9/20 Gervais/Schaefer- Extended the porch

- i. 476 Massachusetts Avenue 9/20- Nothing to report.
- j. 51 Grove Street 11/20 Gervais- Nothing to report.
- k. 43 Bailey Road 2/21 Robinson-Nothing to report.
- l. 46 Temple Street 2/21 Gervais/Schaefer-Nothing to report. Interior work has started, but no exterior work has started.
- m. 5 Bartlett Avenue 4/21 Strange- Nothing to report. Assessment planned with contractor to remove some of the siding to see what is underneath.
- n. 7 Fairview Avenue 4/21 Robinson- Decision sent and will report back regarding the external muntins, but have gone ahead with the windows.
- o. 559-571 Massachusetts Avenue. 4/21 Schaefer- Fire at Thai Moon located in this block. Some windows have been broken in the back.
- p. 11-13 Lowell Street 4/21 Gervais- Nothing to report.

7. Discussions and Hearings:

8:30pm Formal Hearing for 45 Claremont Avenue with Christopher from Anderson by Renewal and homeowner, Dr. Hallowell.

Pictures, plans and materials and types of products to be installed for the front door and two first floor windows on the front of the house and to replace exterior patio door on the rear of the house were shared. The current back patio door swings open and the plan is to install a sliding door in its place. The current front door is quite drafty and also there is concern regarding security with the current door.

Replacement of windows: Single vertical, double hung and will sit in the existing opening. The trim will remain the same. The vertical grill is between the glass as it currently is.

Patio Door: Slider has the same dimensions as current patio door. Will use trim that is currently on the house. Wood door that is clad with vinyl.

Front Door: Difficulty with sizing issue. Attempted to build the door with associates, but were unable to replicate the door. 55"x92" are the dimensions of the current door.

The plan is to install a shorter single door made of fiberglass from the Heritage Woodgrain line with texture and clear glass with a square side light and square transom above the door.

The original door is significant to the look of the house. The Commissioners asked about the possibility that the door could be repaired. Some inquiries have been made by the owner, but it did not fit into the budget. A list of restoration experts for the front door will be shared with Dr. Hallowell and he and the appointed monitor can review the options to restore the front door.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gervais to approve the two front windows as described and replace the patio door as proposed. The homeowner will work closely with the monitor for the two front doors to work on trying to find a way to save the existing

front doors and help the homeowner to have more energy efficient front doors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meister. A roll call vote was taken and all Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Monitors: Commissioners Michael Gervais and Eric Stange

Old Business: Victoria Rose shared the results of the tour she and Patsy Kraemer did of the Whittemore Robbins House. An email was sent to the Town Manager and Director of the Board of Health regarding repairs and improvements that are needed. When a response is received there will be a follow up with the Commission.

New Business: JoAnn Robinson and Patsy Kraemer discussed plans to plant small flowering trees in memory of Bob Botterio and hold a dedication in the garden.

JoAnn Robinson made a suggestion to hold a joint meeting with Historic Districts Commission in the summer.

The Arlington Historical Commission adjourned at 9:30pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be June 1, 2021 for the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.